

City of Ramsey
Agenda
Public Works Committee
Tuesday, July 15, 2025

5:30 pm
Lake Itasca Room, 7550 Sunwood Drive NW

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1. **Call to Order**
2. **Citizen Input**
3. **Approve Agenda**
4. **Approve Minutes**
 1. Approve the following meeting minutes.
Public Works Committee meeting dated June 17, 2025.
5. **Committee Business**
6. **Committee/Staff Input**
 1. Receive Updates on Improvement Projects, Studies and Items of Interest
 2. Review Future Topics Calendar
7. **Adjournment**

Public Works Committee

Meeting Date: 07/15/2025

Primary Strategic Plan Initiative: Not Applicable

Title:

Approve the following meeting minutes.
Public Works Committee meeting dated June 17, 2025.

Purpose/Background:

To review and approve meeting minutes.
The meeting minutes dated June 17, 2025, are attached for review.

Notification:

N/A

Time Frame/Observations/Alternatives:

Staff anticipates this case will take less than 5 minutes.

Funding Source:

N/A

Recommendation:

To review and approve meeting minutes dated June 17, 2025.

Outcome/Action:

Motion to approve meeting minutes dated June 17, 2025.

Attachments

PWC June Minutes

Form Review

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Brian Hagen

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**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
CITY OF RAMSEY
ANOKA COUNTY
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

The Public Works Committee conducted a regular meeting on Tuesday, June 17, 2025, at the Ramsey Municipal Center, 7550 Sunwood Drive NW, Ramsey, Minnesota.

Members Present: Chairperson Michael Olson
 Councilmember Chris Riley

Members Absent: Councilmember Dan Specht

Also Present: City Engineer/Public Works Director Bruce Westby
 Assistant City Engineer Joe Feriancek

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Olson called the regular meeting of the Public Works Committee to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. CITIZEN INPUT

There was none.

3. APPROVE AGENDA

Motion by Councilmember Riley, seconded by Chairperson Olson, to approve the agenda, as presented.

Motion carried. Voting Yes: Chairperson Olson and Councilmember Riley. Voting No: None.

4. APPROVE MINUTES

4.01: Approve May 20, 2025, Meeting Minutes

Motion by Councilmember Riley, seconded by Chairperson Olson, to approve the following minutes:

Regular Meeting Minutes dated May 20, 2025

Motion carried. Voting Yes: Chairperson Olson and Councilmember Riley. Voting No: None.

5. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

5.01: Consider Recommending City Council Authorization to Prepare Plans and Specifications for 2026 Pavement Management Program Projects

Assistant City Engineer Feriancek reviewed the staff report and recommendation, which recommended City Council authorization to prepare plans and specifications for 2026 Pavement Management Program projects.

City Engineer/Public Works Director Westby commented that as they continue to work their way north, where ditches are more prevalent, they continue to receive comments related to ditches holding water for long periods of time. He stated that residents ask why stormwater utility fees are required to be paid when ditches are not being re-graded during street reconstruction projects. He stated that staff more and more frequently need to meet with property owners to discuss concerns related to ditches and potential drainage improvement projects. He stated the majority of homeowners are just happy the roads are being fixed, but that some want all of the ditches re-graded at the same time. He stated staff do add drainage improvements to street reconstruction projects, such as when there is the potential for homes to be flooded, but that wholesale re-grading of ditches are not considered. Then during construction, staff will work with property owners who voice drainage concerns on a one-on-one basis to address their concerns, if possible.

Councilmember Riley asked and received confirmation that they are continuing to address the roads in the worst condition first. He referenced a street segment that appears to be part of a neighborhood street reconstruction project and asked why that street is not included in the project.

Assistant City Engineer Feriancek replied that is a separate subdivision and the street was constructed at a different time therefore this street is scheduled for repairs within the CIP at a later date.

Motion by Councilmember Riley, seconded by Chairperson Olson, to recommend City Council authorization to prepare plans and specifications for 2026 Pavement Management Program projects.

Motion carried. Voting Yes: Chairperson Olson and Councilmember Riley. Voting No: None.

5.02: Consider Recommendation to City Council to Approve Plans and Authorize Advertise for Bid for 2025 Pavement Skim Patching Project

City Engineer/Public Works Director Westby reviewed the staff report and recommendation, which recommended City Council approval of plans and authorization to advertise for bids for a 2025 Pavement Skim Patching Project.

Motion by Councilmember Riley, seconded by Chairperson Olson, to recommend City Council approval of plans and authorization to advertise for bids for a 2025 Pavement Skim Patching Project.

Motion carried. Voting Yes: Chairperson Olson and Councilmember Riley. Voting No: None.

6. COMMITTEE / STAFF INPUT

6.01: Receive Updates on Improvement Projects, Studies, and Items of Interest

City Engineer/Public Works Director Westby provided an update on current and proposed City, County, and MnDOT improvement projects and studies, and on other items of interest to the Committee.

City Engineer/Public Works Director Westby provided additional details on the water treatment plant project and related delays.

Councilmember Riley requested monthly updates on the Waterfront splash pad project moving forward, as well as more detailed updates moving forward on the Water Treatment Plant project, the Ramsey Gateway Highway 10 project, and the 2027 MnDOT Highway 10 mill and overlay project.

City Engineer/Public Works Director Westby presented a short video clip of staff using the new 19" wood chipper on emerald ash borer infested trees removed from Peltzer Park.

6.02: Update on Minnesota Department of Transportation 2027 Highway 10 Mill and Overlay and Reduced Conflict Intersection Improvements Project

City Engineer/Public Works Director Westby stated that staff were recently made aware of a proposed Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) 2027 Highway 10 Pavement Mill and Overlay and Reduced Conflict Intersection Improvements project. He presented the information to the Committee, reviewed staff comments, and welcomed additional comments from the Committee.

Councilmember Riley commented that it makes sense to request another westbound J-turn within the City of Ramsey. He stated that while he agrees that something should be done to improve safety at these intersections, he was unsure that this was the answer, noting several problems were identified by staff.

City Engineer/Public Works Director Westby explained that Elk River has also voiced concerns with these plans.

Councilmember Riley commented that while the overlay will be a good project, this would remove a lot of access and does not seem well thought through.

City Engineer/Public Works Director Westby stated that he will continue to provide updates as more information becomes available.

6.03: Review Future Topics Calendar

City Engineer/Public Works Director Westby reviewed the future topics calendar.

City Engineer/Public Works Director Westby commented that the concrete pavement on Sunwood Drive heaved next to PSD's office building a few years ago and provided information on two

potential repair options. The first and less costly option would be to remove as minimal a strip of concrete pavement as possible and repave the street using bituminous pavement, which would require a one-day shutdown of Sunwood Drive. The second and more expensive option would be to remove two full-width concrete pavement panels and repave them with concrete, which would require a full week shutdown of Sunwood Drive. Staff recommend the first option to allow the work to be done as soon as possible.

Councilmember Riley stated that while he would lean towards the second option, he supports the staff-recommended first option.

Chairperson Olson agreed.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Olson adjourned the meeting.

The regular meeting of the Public Works Committee adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce Westby
City Engineer/Public Works Director

Drafted by Amanda Staple
TimeSaver Off Site Secretarial, Inc.

Public Works Committee**Meeting Date:** 07/15/2025**Primary Strategic Plan Initiative:** Not Applicable**Title:**

Receive Updates on Improvement Projects, Studies and Items of Interest

Purpose/Background:

The purpose of this case is to update the Public Works Committee on current and proposed City, County and MnDOT improvement projects and studies, and on other items of interest to the Committee.

City Improvement Projects**#26-01 MSA Bunker Lake Boulevard Reconstruction**

- Bolton & Menk, Inc. preparing final plans and specifications
- 2026 construction proposed

#26-02 2026 MSA Pavement Overlay Improvements

- Preparing plans and specifications
- 2026 construction proposed

#26-03 Carol-Rose Acres & Sports Haven Reconstructions

- Preparing plans and specifications
- 2026 construction proposed

#26-04 Countryside Estates Reconstructions

- Preparing plans and specifications
- 2026 construction proposed

#26-05 Flintwood Hills 2nd & 3rd Reconstructions

- Preparing plans and specifications
- 2026 construction proposed

#26-06 Riverside West Reconstructions

- Preparing plans and specifications
- 2026 construction proposed

#26-07 Section 01 Unplatted (S. CR 27) Reconstructions

- Preparing plans and specifications
- 2026 construction proposed

#26-08 2026 Neighborhood Pavement Overlay Improvements

- Preparing plans and specifications
- 2026 construction proposed

#25-01 Rivers Bend Regional Stormwater Pond Improvements

- Construction complete
- Project close out Summer 2025

#25-02 MSA Sunwood Drive Reconstruction – CSAH 5 to Erkium Street

- Construction complete
- Punch list items are being addressed

#25-03 MSA Alpine Drive Reconstruction – CSAH 57 to TH 47

- Construction in progress
- Fall completion anticipated

#25-04 Dickenson's Mississippi Estate Street Reconstruction

- Construction starting July 14 - Dave Perkins Contracting
- Temp water connections required during construction of new watermain
- Substantial completion anticipated Fall 2025

#25-05 High Point Street Reconstruction

- Construction in progress

#25-06 Sortebergs Street Reconstruction

- Construction complete
- Punch list items are being addressed

#25-07 2025 Neighborhood Pavement Overlay Improvements

- Rum River Hills complete
- Village of Sunfish Lake construction in progress
- Late Summer completion anticipated

#25-08 Sunwood Drive Crosswalk Repairs

- Preparing plans and specifications
- *Pavement repairs east of Sapphire Street completed separately July 14 - 21*

#25-09 2025 Crack Seal Improvements

- Construction complete
- Final payment soon

#25-10 2025 Pavement Rejuvenation

- Preconstruction meeting with Corrective Asphalt Materials, LLC was held July 8th
- Construction starting soon

#25-11 2025 MSA Pavement Marking Improvements

- Construction started July 9th

#25-12 COR Street Lighting Improvements

- Obtaining estimate from Connexus to light Ramsey Parkway and intersections only
- *Staff will present the proposed lighting plan during the meeting*

#24-03 2024 NE Ramsey Street Reconstruction

- Construction complete
- Working on as-builts

#24-04 Ford Brook Estates Drainage Improvements

- Construction complete
- Working on as-builts

#24-05 Xkimo St MSA (TH47 to 142nd Avenue) Reconstruction

- Substantially complete
- Punch list items are being addressed
- *Contractor proposes mill and overlay to address poor rideability*

#24-07 2024 Neighborhood Overlay Improvements

- Construction complete
- Punch list items are being addressed

#24-11 Alpine Drive MSA Street Reconstruction (Puma St to CSAH 83)

- Construction complete
- Punch list items are being addressed

#24-13 Fox Ridge Estates 1st and 2nd Additions Street Reconstruction

- Construction substantially complete
- Punch list items are being addressed

#24-14 Ramsey Gateway Mississippi River Outfall Removal

- Construction in progress

#24-51 TH 47 Trail Gap Connection – 142nd Avenue to Xkimo Street

- Bolton & Menk prepared plans and specs for 10' trail construction
- *Work continues with MnDOT to determine cost contributions and project schedule*

#23-19 COR Infrastructure Improvements

- Construction complete
- Punch list items are being addressed

#23-20 COR Mass Grading

- Construction complete
- *Working to ensure adequate seeding germination before issuing final payment*

#21-09 Centralized Water Treatment Plant

- Construction in progress
- City Council tour anticipated early August
- *Working through Change Order #3 and Engineering Amendment #3 requests*
- Completion Fall/Winter 2025

#20-11 Ramsey Gateway Highway 10 Improvements

- Sunfish Lake Blvd grade separations (RR and TH10) substantially complete
 - Bridges will be painted soon, including City logo
 - Trail paving will be completed soon
 - Additional signing will be installed soon
- Ramsey Blvd grade separations (RR and TH10) construction in progress
 - Substantial completion anticipated by end of September
- Final completion anticipated June 2026
- Project webpage <https://www.anokacountymn.gov/3918/Hwy-10Ramsey-Blvd-Interchange>

City of Anoka Improvement Projects

Ferry Street (Trunk Highway 47) Grade Separation of BNSF Rail Crossing

- City-led project
- \$45M in bonds authorized October 2020
- 2028 construction anticipated

Highway 47 Corridor Improvements – Garfield St to Bunker Lk Blvd

- Combined with above City-led project
- 3-lane design
- Received regional solicitation funds for 2027 construction
- Permanent signal system at McKinley Street
- Construction proposed for 2027 - 2029

Anoka County Improvement Projects

- No updates.

MnDOT Improvement Projects

Highway 10 Mill & Overlay and RCI Improvements

- Mill & Overlay US 10/169 pavement from approx. ½-mile west of Cleveland/Jarvis Avenue in Elk River to ½-mile west of Ramsey Boulevard in Ramsey, including Dayton Rest Area
- Construct Reduced Conflict Intersection (RCI) improvements for the intersections of Edison Street and Jarvis Street in Elk River, and Alpine Drive and Beatty Drive in Ramsey

- Construct J-Turns
- Remove median crossings
- Extend pedestrian trail south of US 10/169 from 500-feet East of Adams Street to Edison Street
- Construct pedestrian refuge in median of US 10/169 at Jarvis Street
- Repair/replace culverts
- Construct/repair/replace misc. guardrail treatments
- 2027 construction proposed

Studies & Items of Interest

Wetland 114 P staff updates

- Staff continues to monitor water levels.
- Will provide updates as applicable.

Commercial/Industrial/Residential Developments

- Staff can respond to questions as needed.

Staff will present an update on the Waterfront splash pad project

PWC Future Topics Calendar Discussion Items

See calendar in the next case.

Notification:

Notification is not required for this case.

Time Frame/Observations/Alternatives:

Staff estimates up to 60 minutes will be needed for updates and discussion.

Recommendation:

Staff can offer recommendations on specific items upon request.

Outcome/Action:

No formal action required. For Committee review and discussion purposes only.

Attachments

No file(s) attached.

Form Review

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Brian Hagen

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Public Works Committee**Meeting Date:** 07/15/2025**Primary Strategic Plan Initiative:** Not Applicable

Title:

Review Future Topics Calendar

Purpose/Background:

Attached is a calendar of future topics for review and discussion by the Public Works Committee. The calendar includes topics drawn from Committee requests received during meetings and/or unresolved topics previously discussed by the Committee. Calendar dates are subject to change based on the availability of information and required attendees, staff workload, and competing interests and objectives.

Notification:

Notification is not required for this case.

Time Frame/Observations/Alternatives:

Less than 5 minutes is anticipated to be necessary to review the future topics calendar and address questions.

Funding Source:

Dependent on discussion.

Recommendation:

Staff recommend reviewing the attached calendar and to either approve the calendar by consensus or to direct Staff to revise the calendar as follows; _____.

Outcome/Action:

No formal action required. For Committee review and discussion purposes only.

Attachments

PWC Calendar July2025

Form Review**Inbox**

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Public Works Committee Future Topics Calendar *

Date	Topics for Discussion – Committee Action
Future/TBD	Sunwood Drive Roundabout Landscaping (<i>Riverblood</i>)
Ongoing	Veterans Drive Dog Park Fence (<i>Riverblood</i>)
Ongoing	COR Street Lighting Improvements (<i>Westby</i>)
Date	Topics for Discussion – Regulatory
Date	Topics for Discussion – Policy
Future/TBD	Landscaped Median Maintenance Policy (<i>Riverblood</i>)
Ongoing	Gravel Road Elimination Policy (<i>Westby</i>)
Date	Topics for Discussion – Planning and Budget
Future/TBD	Asset Management Program Update (<i>Westby</i>)
Ongoing	Targeted Trail Gap Connection Planning (<i>Riverblood</i>)
Ongoing	Use of Recycled Shingles for Pavement Patching (<i>Westby</i>)
Date	Topics for Discussion – Staff Updates
Ongoing	Project Review Process Improvements (<i>Westby</i>)
Ongoing	Flashing Yellow Arrow Improvement Opportunities (<i>Westby</i>)
Ongoing	TH 47 Improvements, Bunker Lk Blvd to Hwy 10 (<i>Westby</i>)
Ongoing	TH 47 Trail Connection - 142 nd to So. of Xkimo (<i>Riverblood</i>)
Ongoing	Waterfront Splash Pad (<i>Riverblood/Westby</i>)

* Dates subject to change based on availability of information, required attendees, staff workload, and competing interests and objectives.